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***Miscellaneous Letter with Shortened Period for Response***

1. Applicant's reply has only provided statements that point out disagreement with the examiner's contentions as represented by the office action mailed on September 20, 2004. Applicant must also discuss the references applied against the claims, explaining how the claims avoid the references or distinguish from them.
2. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE MONTH from the mailing date of this action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrice Winder whose telephone number is 571-272-3935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30 am-7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on 571-272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrice Winder".

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